Registry of Tank-beds.

28. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases pending on the file of each of the several Division and Taluk Cutcherries throughout the State regarding the registry of tank-beds ; and

(*b*) whether they will consider the desirability of issuing immediate instructions prohibiting further registry of tank-beds to private persons ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The information has been called for from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

(*b*) Sale of tank-beds falling within the area commanded by the Kodayar Project has been restricted by the recent amendment to Rule 38 of the *Puduval Rules* published at page 801 of Part I of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 24th July, 1928/9th Karkatakam, 1103. The rule lays down that the registry of tank-beds should be jealously scrutinised with reference to considerations of storage, distribution, flood-moderation and irrigation as well as communal uses and that no tank-beds should be brought under registry unless such registry is certified to be unobjectionable by an officer of the Public Works Department not below the rank of an Executive Engineer and by the Dewan Peishkar of the Division after they have made a personal inspection in each case. As regards registry of tank-beds in other areas, the Government have already issued necessary instructions that the head-*chiras* should never be registered, but should be reserved as *porambokes* and that the springs in the *chiras* should in no way be interfered with, so that they might continue to replenish the water-supply. It is not feasible to prohibit absolutely the registry of all tank-beds. Each case will receive due consideration at the hands of the Government before the registry is sanctioned.

Particulars re output of Paddy in the State.

29. **MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table statistics showing—

(*a*) the total area of land under paddy cultivation in Travancore ;

(*b*) the total area which can be utilised for paddy cultivation but not under cultivation now ;

(*c*) the total annual yield of paddy crop during the past three years (1100-1102) ;

(*d*) the quantity of paddy and rice annually imported into Travancore during the past three years ; and

(*e*) the average yield per acre in Travancore, Bengal and Burma ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 6,73,178·29 acres. (*Vide Statistics of Travancore, Eighth Issue*).

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(*b*) and (*c*) The information is not available.

(*d*)

Year.	*Paddy* Cwts.	*Rice* Cwts.
1100	7,94,120	1,983,701
1101	1,254,993	1,708,533
1102	1,235,548	1,300,559

(*Vide Statistics of Travancore* for those years.)

(*e*) The average yield of paddy per acre in Travancore is about 10 cwts. The figures for Bengal and Burma are not available.

MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഈ പുറനാട്ടിൽ നിന്നംവരുത്തുന്ന നെല്ലിന്റേയും, അരിയുടേയും, കണക്ക് ഇവിടെ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഈ നാട്ടിൽ കൃഷിക്ക് ഉതകുന്നതും കൃഷിചെയ്യാത്തതുമായി കിടക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു ഏരിയാക്കൂടി വേണമെന്നു ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതു് കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. എങ്കിലും ധാരാളമായിട്ടുള്ള സ്ഥലം ഉണ്ടെന്നു അറിവുള്ളതു കൊണ്ടു, മേലാൽ അരിയും നെല്ലും പുറം ദിക്കിൽനിന്നും വരുത്താതെ ഇരിക്കുന്നതിനു ഈ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ മുഴുവൻ കൃഷിചെയ്യത്തക്കവണ്ണം ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാൻ തയ്യാറുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): In regard to lands that are already registered it is the endeavour of the Agricultural Department to help intensive cultivation in order to increase production. Government are also registering new lands. It is under the consideration of Government whether a law may be passed which would compel the holders of lands to cultivate them and not leave them fallow. With these measures it is hoped that the situation may improve.

MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഒരു ആവറേജ് പത്തുഹൺഡഡ് വെയിറാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു് എങ്ങിനെകിട്ടിയെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റു പറയുമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) By test experiments by the Director of Agriculture.

MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ബമ്മായിലും, ബങ്കാളിലും ഉള്ള ആവറേജ് ഈൽഡ് എന്താണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും അന്വേഷിച്ചു അറിയിക്കുമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): We will call for the information. It is not readily available here.

Roads opened in the Agastisvaram Taluk during 1098-1102.

30. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of roads constructed by the Government in the Agastisvaram taluk during the last five years (1098-1102)?

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